

CLAIMS

Having thus described the aforementioned invention, [I/w] claim:

1 1. A cover for a medical probe comprising:
2 a first panel member defining a first side, a second side, a first end and a
3 second end; and
4 a second panel member defining a first side, a second side, a first end and a
5 second end, said first panel first side and said second panel first side being
6 secured one to another and said first panel second side and said second panel
7 second side being secured one to another whereby said cover defines a tubular
8 configuration having a cover first end and a cover second end, said first panel first
9 end being folded over prior to securement to said second panel member to define a
10 double thickness, and said second panel member first end being folded over prior
11 to securement to said first panel member to define a double thickness.

1 2. The cover of Claim 1 further comprising a throat defined proximate
2 said cover first end, said throat being adapted to closely receive a distal end of the
3 medical probe.

1 3. The cover of Claim 2 wherein said throat defines a width adapted to
2 be less than one-half the circumference of the medical probe distal end.

1 4. The cover of Claim 2 wherein said cover first end defines a funnel
2 configuration from said cover first end to said throat, whereby the medical probe
3 distal end is directed toward said throat upon insertion into said cover first end.

1 5. The cover of Claim 1 wherein said first panel member first end
2 extends beyond said second panel member first end, an extended portion being
3 defined between said first panel member first end and said second panel member
4 first end to facilitate opening said cover first end.

1 6. The cover of Claim 1 wherein said cover second end is at least
2 partially inverted to facilitate application of said cover on the medical probe.

1 7. The cover of Claim 1 wherein said cover is fabricated from a material
2 having elastomeric properties whereby said cover returns to an initial size and
3 shape after being stretched.

1 8. A cover for a medical probe comprising:
2 a first panel member defining a first side, a second side, a first end and a
3 second end;
4 a second panel member defining a first side, a second side, a first end and a
5 second end, said first panel first side and said second panel first side being
6 secured one to another and said first panel second side and said second panel
7 second side being secured one to another whereby said cover defines a tubular
8 configuration having a cover first end and a cover second end, said first panel first
9 end being folded over prior to securement to said second panel member to define a
10 double thickness, and said second panel member first end being folded over prior
11 to securement to said first panel member to define a double thickness, said first
12 panel member first end extending beyond said second panel member first end, an
13 extended portion being defined between said first panel member first end and said
14 second panel member first end to facilitate opening said cover first end; and
15 a throat defined proximate said cover first end, said throat being adapted to
16 closely receive a distal end of the medical probe.

1 9. The cover of Claim 8 wherein said throat defines a width adapted to
2 be less than one-half the circumference of the medical probe distal end.

1 10. The cover of Claim 8 wherein said cover first end defines a funnel
2 configuration from said cover first end to said throat, whereby the medical probe
3 distal end is directed toward said throat upon insertion into said cover first end.

1 11. The cover of Claim 8 wherein said cover second end is at least
2 partially inverted to facilitate application of said cover on the medical probe.

1 12. The cover of Claim 8 wherein said cover is fabricated from a material
2 having elastomeric properties whereby said cover returns to an initial size and
3 shape after being stretched.

1 13. A method for fabricating a cover for a medical probe, said method
2 comprising the steps of:
3 (a) providing a first panel member defining a first end and a second end;
4 (b) folding said first panel member first end under said first panel
5 member;
6 (c) positioning a second panel member defining a first end and a second
7 end over said first panel member;
8 (d) folding said second panel member first end over said second panel
9 member; and
10 (e) securing said first panel member and said second panel member to
11 define a cover first side and a cover second side, whereby a tubular configuration
12 having a cover first end and a cover second end is defined.

1 14. The method of Claim 13 wherein said step of securing said first panel
2 member and said second panel member includes the step of defining a throat
3 proximate said cover first end, said throat being adapted to closely receive a distal
4 end of the medical probe.

1 15.. The method of Claim 14 wherein said throat defines a width adapted
2 to be less than one-half the circumference of the medical probe distal end.

1 16. The method of Claim 14 wherein said step of securing said first panel
2 member and said second panel member further includes the step of defining a
3 funnel configuration from said cover first end to said throat, whereby the medical
4 probe distal end is directed toward said throat upon insertion into said cover first
5 end.

1 17. The method of Claim 13 wherein said step of folding said second
2 panel member first end includes the step of defining an extended portion of said
3 first panel member first end by folding said second panel member first end such
4 that said first panel member first end extends beyond said second panel member
5 first end.

1 18. The method of Claim 13 further including the step of inverting at
2 least a portion of said cover second end to facilitate application of said cover on the
3 medical probe.